

1. Call To Order October 3, 2022

Expected to be in attendance: Suzanne Robinson, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Christopher Hinds, Jan MacWatters, Allen Brown, and Vijay Prathap. The following staff is expected to be in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, and Kristi Lee.

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Suzanne Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with a quorum present.

2. Public Comments

Speakers will be allocated 2 minutes for public comments on matters of public concern.

No additional speakers.

3. Discussion and Action Items

a. Safety and Security Audit

Addressed in closed session.

b. Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Alicia Olivieri presented that 16 people responded to a parent survey that was shared on the Goodwater family's Facebook page. These parents are proposing a PTO, or parent/ teacher organization to bridge our community and bolster communication between families and staff. A few proposed components include a fundraising committee for the PTO, a birthday book club for students, staff appreciation, and events for the Goodwater community. The next step will be a written proposal requested by the board, including a preliminary budget, mission, bylaws, and purpose or responsibilities.

c. Fundraising Discussion

Suzanne Robinson began the discussion that, as stated in the July board meeting, fundraising is necessary this year. She stated that she and Dr. Bruce Tabor met earlier and set goals of 1.25 million dollars to be raised in the next five years and \$250,000 to be raised this year.

Suzanne Robinson said we have volunteers for grant writing, and project ideas are the next step; adding we hope for board support through contributions and networking with their contacts to get the word out about Goodwater Montessori.

Suzanne Robinson said that the priority for the fundraising committee includes a visible way to show early contributions in person at the school and online. A new playground is part of the plan for a portion of what the community raises.

A discussion ensued about the Montessori training center the board has discussed for many months. Will we be able to develop this? How can we continue having staff Montessori trained until we develop the center? Mary Evelyn Bowling stated that she has a contact to reach out to for information and an example of developing the center. Chris Hinds asked to be included if there were a meeting or tour related to this.

Alicia Olivieri, a member of the fundraising committee, presents the idea of the Fall Fundraiser Donation Drive. She shared a form example with each board member and explained that the donations go through our website. The drive will run October 17- 28 and be marketed in person, on paper, and online. The goal is \$35,000, with plans of 50% going towards a playground. She proposed incentives for the children if they donated any amount, but Mary Evelyn Bowling brought up the fact that incentives are not aligned with Montessori philosophies.

Chris Hinds mentioned having a note included that if a family cannot donate money, they can still be involved by donating volunteer time with the school to promote inclusivity. The board looks forward to receiving the final copy of the donation forms.

4. Closed Session

Per Texas Government Code section §551.074 to discuss Personnel matters and/or Per Texas Government Code section §551.071 for a consultation with the school attorney and/or Per Texas Government Code section 551.072 to discuss Real Property.

At 7:44 pm, Mary Evelyn Bowling moved to begin the closed session. Jan MacWatters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:16 Chris Hinds motioned to adjourn the closed session. Dr. Allen Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Allen Brown made a motion to approve the corrective action plan developed by the school to submit to the Texas School Safety Center. Chris Hinds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Announce Date and Time of Next Board Meeting

October 25, 2022

6. Adjourn

Jan MacWatters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Chris Hinds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.